

**MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL**  
**April 6, 2009**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Pro-tem Weast-Williamson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Pro-tem Weast-Williamson requested a moment of silence for three community leaders who recently passed away, Mr. Ron Fruitt, a former Tippecanoe County Councilman, Mr. Richard Hunt, spouse of West Lafayette Councilwoman Ann Hunt, and Mr. Doug Eberle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were present:

Present: Heide, Klinker, Campbell, Brown, Downing and Weast-Williamson

Absent: Cornstuble, Novak, and Meyer

The City Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Cindy Murray and City Attorney Ed Chosnek were present.

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2009 regular meeting, Councilman Heide seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Claims, Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated the following reports are available in the City Clerk's Office:

Clerks Office Monthly-February 2009

Water Works Department Monthly-February 2009

Water Pollution Control Department Monthly-February 2009

Water Pollution Control Department-Annual 2008

Police Department Monthly-February 2009

Engineering Department-Annual Report 2008

Parks Department-Annual Report 2008

Parks Department-Comprehensive Five Year Master Plan 2009-2013

Motor Vehicle, Fleet Maintenance Department Monthly- February 2009

***There are No Ordinances for Second Reading:***

***Ordinances for First Reading:***

The Clerk read Ordinance 2009-02 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to rezone Certain Real Estate from AW to R1, Elston Family Church, Petitioner, 2424 Old US 231 South) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Klinker seconded. Randy Skidmore, Senior Pastor at Elston Church spoke in support. Ordinance 2009-02 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Ordinance 2009-03 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to rezone Certain Real Estate from R2 to NBU, Diane D. Bagnoli, Petitioner, 500 N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman

Brown seconded. Joe Bumbleburg, Attorney representing the petitioner spoke regarding Ordinance 2009-03. Ordinance 2009-03 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

### ***Resolutions:***

The Clerk read Resolution 2009-05 (A Resolution of the Spending of Federal Economic Renewal Grants) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Brown moved for passage, Councilman Heide seconded. Mayor Roswarski spoke in support of Resolution 2009-05. Pearl Speakman spoke regarding the need for repairs in his neighborhood. Jerry Miser, President of the local steelworker's Local # 115A spoke in support of the Resolution.

Resolution 2009-05 passed 6-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

Reports of Standing Committees: None

Reports of Special Committees: None

Report by the Mayor: Mayor Roswarski presented Grant House with an award from the City of Lafayette for being selected as a distinguished youth of the National Prudential community youth award. He collected aluminum pull tabs for Riley Hospital.

### **Departmental Updates:**

Jenny Bonner, City Engineer/Public Works Director, gave the following update.

The Engineering Office has been working on several projects. The first project includes the new building permit inspection software which is a cd.net platform which meshes well with the current AS400 and financing software. The information will be put into a single database so all activity can be tracked by the property. The information includes Ordinance Violations, Unsafe Structures, Mowing Complaints, Building Permits and Plan Reviews. As part of this new software the inspectors will have laptops in their vehicles and printers in the field. This will allow the inspectors to print the inspection reports on site and provide a more responsive environment for the contracting community. The training has taken place since late September early October 2008 and the 'Go-Live' date will be the first week in April 2009.

Another big project that is being worked on is the Storm Water program along with the Capital Program, budgetary needs, and evaluating for Storm Water rates. The City Engineers Office along with formed a technical advisory committee that will be meeting together and presenting pertinent information to the Board of Works in the near future.

Mrs. Bonner stated that the Engineering Office has worked extensively with trying to get the City projects on the radar for the Stimulus monies that are available. Work has been done side by side with the City of West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Battleground and Dayton for this effort. There are three (3) projects that have been prioritized to receive a portion of the Stimulus money through the Federal Transportation Program which includes the pavement replacement of Main Street from Five Points to U.S. 52 and also includes some curb and sidewalk work. There are two (2) traffic signal projects that include a downtown radio interconnect and the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor from Erie, Elmwood and Salem.

Other future projects include securing funding for Service Area 21 and possibly moving forward with design of the Phase I portion of that project. The work is ongoing with the Unsafe Structures in which three (3) structures were ordered for demolition at last week's Hearing Authority meeting. Bid packets for those demolitions are currently being worked on. The structures for demolition include 1206 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 314 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 2502 Underwood Street.

The Engineering Office is putting together the Street Paving list for 2009 and should be available in the next week or two. The list will be scaled down because the Stimulus money does not cover engineering; it covers only construction and construction engineering. Wheel Tax money will be used to cover the cost of engineering on some of the Stimulus Projects.

Fred Koning, Traffic Supervisor, gave the following update.

In 2008 we repainted all of the centerline and edgeline in the city. We refurbished 20 SCHOOL legends. We painted all of the yellow curbs except for downtown. We recapped the pavement markings at 13 intersections. We continued to replace STOP signs, speed limit signs, and street name signs as part of our 10 year replacement program. We installed a new radio interconnect on Creasy and McCarty to facilitate some progression. We supervised the installation of a new signal at State and Earl. We performed our annual signal inspections. We did 108 traffic counts for both the city and for APC. We continued to work with INDOT to plan to modernize the downtown traffic system. We aided T-BIRD in the design of CR 350S and the completion of the streetscape project for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. We continued to tweak the timings at signals around the downtown system to achieve better traffic flow through town. We provided barricades and parking removal for numerous festivals, weddings, and other events. We also did our normal day-to-day responsibilities, such as repair of damaged signs, damaged PED buttons, tree trimming, snow removal, and minor repairs to signal parts.

#### Miscellaneous and New Business:

Reports of Councilman: Councilman Campbell moved to appoint Jim MacDonald and Steve Meyer to the LUEA Board, Councilman Brown seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: Pearl Speakman, 923 So.22<sup>nd</sup> Street spoke regarding his neighbors trees that hang over the sidewalk.

Perry Barbee, 1714 Union Street congratulated Grant House on his award and wanted to encourage everyone to participate in Clean Sweep.

Earl Stanton, 1013 Elizabeth Street questioned the snow removal Ordinance.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Heide seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Complete audio of meeting available in the City Clerks office or at [www.lafayette.in.gov](http://www.lafayette.in.gov)